

Pou tokomanawa 'Ihutapu'

This Pou tokomana is a depiction of a male called Ko Ihutapu. His body is strong and wellformed and he holds a 'toki poutangata', which symbolizes his authority and chiefship.

Being a Pou tokomana, he is the first of three poles to support the tāhuhu (ridge pole) of a large whare tupuna or ancestral home. Shown by the spiral pattern on his hind quarter and his well-crafted full-face moko, it's clear to see that he is a man of great importance and power.

His original creator is unknown although we know that it was crafted between 1800 and 1850 on the north island in New Zealand.



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Similar to the sculpture before this is also a Pou tokomana to support the tāhuhu (ridge pole) of a large whare tupuna or ancestral home.

It represents an unknown ancestor. He is marked with moko kanohi (facial tattoo), rape (buttock tattoo) and puhoro (thigh tattoo).

Altho we do not know the name of the craftsmen we do know that it was made in the 19th century somewhere in New Zealand.

